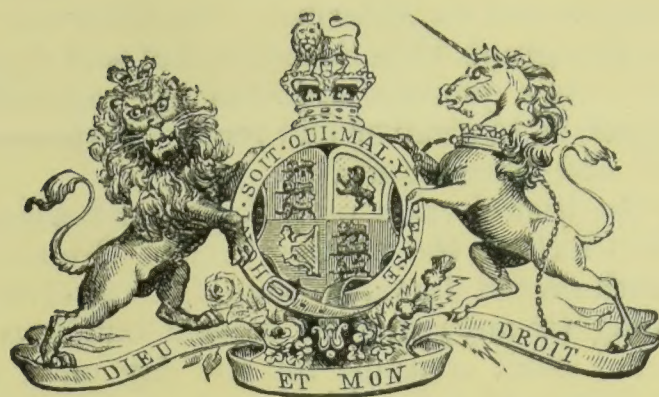


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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

EDWARD VII., by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come.—GREETING.

D. M. EBERTS, } **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3 of chapter 29 of the
Attorney-General. } Statutes of 1902, being the "Grand Forks and Columbia
 Amalgamation Act, 1902," that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in
 Council forthwith after the passing of said Act, by Letters Patent under the Great
 Seal, to incorporate into a City, under the name of "The Corporation of the City of
 Grand Forks," all the lands at the passing of said Act comprised within the corporate
 limits of the Cities of Columbia and Grand Forks; that, save as in said Act provided,
 such Letters Patent shall have the same force and effect as Letters Patent issued under
 the provisions and after compliance with all the formalities of chapter 143 of the
 Revised Statutes of British Columbia and amendments thereto, notwithstanding that
 such formalities have not been observed or are inapplicable; and that the said Letters
 Patent shall fix the first day of January, 1903, as the date of such incorporation:

And whereas the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIERE, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, under and by virtue of the powers and authority conferred upon him by the said Acts, and of all other powers and authority him in that behalf enabling, hath ordered that all those parcels or tracts of land on the twenty-second day of April, 1902, comprised within the corporate limits of the Cities of Columbia and Grand Forks, and the inhabitants thereof, shall, on, from and after the first day of January, 1903, be incorporated as a City Municipality, and hath made further provision to the tenor and effect hereinafter appearing:

NOW KNOW YE, that by these presents WE do hereby order and proclaim that the said parcels or tracts of land, and the inhabitants thereof, shall, on, from and after the first day of January, 1903, be incorporated as a City Municipality, under the name of "The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks," under and subject to the provisions of the said Acts and under and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained or referred to.

The Council of the said new Municipality shall consist for the period of two years after incorporation, of a Mayor and six Aldermen; two Aldermen to be elected from each of the wards mentioned in paragraph 11 in Schedule A of said Chapter 29; four members of said Council shall constitute a quorum, and after the expiration of said period the said Council shall be subject, as to number and representation, to the provisions of the "Municipal Clauses Act" and amendments.

The nomination for the first election of a Mayor and Aldermen shall be held in the building in which the Clerk of the existing City of Grand Forks has his office as such Clerk, on the fifteenth day of January, 1903, from twelve o'clock noon until two o'clock P. M., and the polling (if any) shall be at said building on the twenty-second day of January, 1903, and shall continue for one day only, and the polls shall be kept open between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and half-past seven o'clock P. M., and Ernest Miller, of the said City of Grand Forks, Esquire, shall be the Returning Officer, and William B. Bower, of the said City of Grand Forks, Esquire, John Aylmer McCallum, of the said City of Columbia, Esquire, and H. C. Kerman, Esquire, shall be Deputy Returning Officers thereat.

The persons entitled to vote at said election shall be the persons whose names appear on the voters' lists prepared under the provisions of section 25 and following sections of said chapter 29.

Each person whose name appears in the list prepared under the provisions of said section 25 shall be entitled to vote for Mayor and for two Aldermen to be elected to represent the ward in which his name appears in said list: Provided always that he shall not cast more than one vote in favour of any one candidate, or vote on more than one occasion: Provided further, that in distributing into the respective wards of the new City the names appearing on the several voters' lists mentioned in said section 25, the Returning Officer shall have regard to the qualifications in respect of which such names were entered on such voters' lists, and in case no municipal record shall be produced to him in evidence of such qualification sufficient to enable him to determine to which ward any such names should in such manner be assigned, the Returning Officer shall have power to require such evidence by statutory declaration, or otherwise, as he may deem proper, to show to which ward or wards such name should so be assigned; and in default of such evidence, after such notice, public or other, as he may deem sufficient, the Returning Officer may refuse or omit to enter such name in any ward except upon order under section 11 of the Municipal Elections Act, but shall forthwith enter it instead upon a list to be prepared by him of such names, and the persons whose names are so entered shall thereby become entitled to vote for Mayor, but not for Aldermen, of said new City.

The qualifications and disqualifications for nomination and election as Mayor and Aldermen respectively at the said first election, shall be those applicable by virtue of the "Municipal Clauses Act" in respect of elections subsequent to the first election.

The Mayor and Aldermen elected at the first election shall hold office until his successor, or a majority of their successors, have been sworn in, unless he or they shall die or resign or become disqualified.

At least six days' notice of the time and place of nomination and of holding of the poll (if any) shall be given by the said Returning Officer; such notice shall be posted during that period in the manner provided by section 30 of the "Municipal Elections Act."

The Returning Officer shall, on the day of nomination, at 2 o'clock P. M., announce the names of the persons put in nomination in that behalf as candidates for the offices of Mayor and Aldermen, as prescribed by the "Municipal Elections Act."

At the close of the time for nominating the candidates the Returning Officer shall deliver to every candidate, or agent of a candidate, applying for the same, a duly certified list of the names of the several candidates who shall have been nominated; and any votes given at the election for any other candidates than those so nominated shall be null and void.

If, at the expiration of the time appointed for the election as aforesaid, no more candidates stand nominated than there are vacancies to be filled up, the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare the candidates who may stand nominated to be elected, and return their names to the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

No speeches or interruption to the proceedings of nominating candidates at the hustings shall be permitted by the Returning Officer between the reading of the notice of election and the closing of the proceedings on nomination day by the Returning Officer.

If, at the expiration of such time, more candidates stand nominated than there are vacancies to be filled up, the Returning Officer shall declare the names of the candidates, and publicly proclaim the day previously stated in his proclamation, and the place at which the poll shall be so opened in the Municipality, for the purpose of taking the votes of the electors according to law; and shall then adjourn the election, and shall take a poll by ballot, and shall cause to be posted up notices of his having

granted such poll, indicating the names, residences, and occupations of the candidates so nominated, in the order in which they shall be printed on the ballot papers, which notices shall, as soon as possible after the nomination, be placarded in all the places where the proclamation for the election was posted up.

If, after the adjournment of the election by the Returning Officer for the purpose of taking a poll, one of the candidates nominated shall die before the poll has commenced, the Returning Officer shall, upon being satisfied of the fact of such death, countermand notice of the poll, and all the proceedings with reference to the election shall be commenced afresh: Provided that no fresh nomination shall be necessary in the case of a candidate who stood nominated at the time of the countermand of the poll.

In case of a poll being held the candidates (duly qualified) who shall obtain the greatest number of votes shall be Mayor and Municipal Aldermen respectively.

In the event of the number of votes being found to have been equal for any two or more candidates, one or more of whom, but not all of such candidates, being by the state of the poll entitled to be declared elected, the Returning Officer shall by a casting vote or votes, as the case may be, decide which of the candidates for whom the votes may be equal shall be elected: Provided that the said Returning Officer shall not vote except in case of an equality of votes as aforesaid.

All expenses attendant upon the said election shall be borne by the said "The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks."

The opening of the ballot boxes and counting the votes shall be in the presence of the candidates if they attend for that purpose.

The Returning Officer, after the declaration of the poll, shall retain the ballot papers and boxes until a Clerk shall be duly appointed, to whom he shall forthwith deliver the same.

Any vacancy in the office of Mayor or Alderman shall be filled as provided by the "Municipal Elections Act."

The first meeting of the Council shall be held on the first Saturday after the day of election, at the building in which the nomination shall be held, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

All the provisions of chapters 68, 143 and 144 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia and amendments thereto shall apply to the Municipality of the new City, except when the provisions of such Acts are repugnant to the provisions of said chapter 29.

All rights and powers held, enjoyed or exercised by both or either of the said Cities of Columbia and Grand Forks by virtue of the Statutes under which they, or either of them, were incorporated, or by virtue of any other law or statute, and all rights and powers conferred by law or public statute now in force upon City Municipalities within British Columbia shall, upon incorporation, be forthwith vested in the new City.

NOW FURTHER KNOW YE that, under and by virtue of the powers conferred by section 13 of said chapter 29 of the Statutes of 1902, and of all other powers and authority in that behalf, and upon the nomination of the City of Columbia, we do hereby appoint Charles Hay, Esquire, John Aylmer McCallum, Esquire, and Isaac A. Dinsmore, Esquire, Commissioners for the purposes mentioned in said section 13 and other sections of said Act, and in Schedule A to said Act, and with the powers, authority and functions conferred by said sections and Schedule, and with such other powers, authority and functions as shall be found necessary to carry out said purposes and which We are authorised by said Act to confer.

The said Commissioners shall receive such reasonable remuneration for their services as shall be fixed under section 78 of chapter 187 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, which, by said chapter 29, is made applicable hereto.

Each Commissioner, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give security to His Majesty the King for the due performance of his duties, and for the due accounting for all moneys received in the performance of said duties, by a bond of an incorporated Guarantee Company approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, in the sum of five thousand dollars.

Forthwith after giving security as aforesaid the said Commissioners shall have, within the territory of the present City of Grand Forks, such powers and authority as are necessary or reasonably convenient for the purpose of carrying out the works within such territory expressly contemplated by the provisions of said Schedule A to said chapter 29, and subject thereto.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may at any time, upon cause assigned, cancel the appointment of any of the said Commissioners, and thereupon, or upon any vacancy occurring by reason of the death, resignation or refusal to act of any Commissioner, or otherwise, may appoint another in his stead from among the residents within the present limits of the City of Columbia, upon recommendation of the Board of

Commissioners, and pending or in default of such appointment the remaining members shall exercise all the powers of the full Board.

The Commissioners shall make a report to the Minister of Finance or to the Commissioner of Public Works whenever and on such matters as shall be directed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

All authority and functions vested in the said Commissioners shall cease so soon as the works mentioned in section 13 of said chapter 29, and in Schedule A in said chapter 29, are fully completed, and a proper report of said Commissioners shall have been accepted by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

These Letters Patent shall not extend nor be construed to extend to any franchise or privilege granted by the present City of Columbia or the present City of Grand Forks to any territory other than that to which it applied on the twenty-second day of April, 1902.

As soon as practicable the Council of the new City shall proceed to hold an election of a new Board of School Trustees for the new City in accordance with the provisions of the "Public Schools Act" and amending Acts. The day to be fixed by the said Council for said election shall not be later than the twelfth day of February, 1903.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and two, and in the second year of Our Reign.

By Command.

W. W. B. MCINNES,
Provincial Secretary.

